

Township of Fredon  
Environmental Commission  
Reorganization Meeting  
January 8, 2018  
**DRAFT**

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the statement that this meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Public Law 1975, CH 231, Sections 4 and 13 as advertised by annual notice. Those present participated in the salute to the flag. Chairperson for this meeting: Ms. Vetter

**Salute to the Flag**

**Members Present:** Boyle, Lawson, Ranieri, Stark, Vetter

**Members Absent:** Jennings

**Nomination of Vice Chairperson –** Mr. Stark nominated Mr. Lawson as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mr. Ranieri and was carried unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Lawson accepted the position.

**2018 Meeting Dates:** The 2018 meeting dates were approved.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of December 4, 2017 on motion by Mr. Ranieri, seconded by Mr. Stark, and carried by a majority voice vote were approved. Mr. Lawson abstained.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** As shown on the attached agenda.

## **REPORTS**

**Planning Board -** Mr. Boyle stated the Land Use Board did not meet in December.

**Sussex County Water Quality Board –** Mr. Stark reported the SCWQB met in December. The January meeting has been cancelled. An extensive sewer service was approved for Vernon Township. The county watershed plan has been approved. Both of these items have been forwarded to the Freeholders. The watershed plan is available online. Fredon Township has three facilities. They are the Fredon School, Bear Brook and High View Estates.

**Mr. Lawson asked if there has been any progress on the Highview application.** Mr. Boyle stated they may have filed for an extension.

**Open Space –** Mr. Lawson stated the Open Space Committee has not met in several years.

**Green Team –** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS –** No Discussion

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ANJEC Membership –** On motion by Mr. Ranieri, seconded by Mr. Stark and unanimously carried by voice vote approval was granted to renew the ANJEC membership for the current Environmental Commission members (7) and the Secretary at a cost of \$375.00.

**Old Bear Brook Golf Course –** Discussion took place regarding the old golf course located in Bear Brook. A local veterinarian is investigating the use of establishing an equine emergency room. The purchase of the property is contingent upon approval. Much of the area is wetlands and cannot be used for any other purpose.

**ATV Track –** Mr. Lawson stated there is an ATV track which is being used as a motor cross course. The Township has taken the owner to court. The case was thrown out by the Judge due to the wording of the ordinance. The “owner of the property” is not the one doing the operating. Mr. Lawson stated he would not be able to sell his home without disclosing the nuisance. Mr. Lawson stated he has spoken with the Township Clerk, Joanne Charner, to pursue having the ordinance rewritten. The Environmental Commission questioned if other ordinances should be reviewed.

**PUBLIC INPUT –** None.

**ADJOURMENT - With no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Stark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. Mr. Ranieri seconded. All in Favor. So Moved.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Chirip  
Secretary to the Environmental Commission**